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Board Transfers Bring Total Parkland to 23,675 Acres

The Fairfax County Park Authority has acquired 30 parcels of land totaling 125 acres from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in the most recent transfer of publicly-held property to the Park Authority. Approximately 116 acres are additions to existing parks, while the remaining acreage will be used for two new parks. With the addition of this acreage to its holdings, the Park Authority now owns more than 23,675 acres of parkland, or roughly 9.4% of the land mass of the county. The parcels are located in the following supervisory districts:

Dranesville District: The historic Dranesville Tavern was expanded with the addition of 3.1 acres to the west. Sugarland Run Stream Valley Park also received an additional 3.69 acres.

Hunter Mill District: Symphony Hills Park nearly doubled in size with the transfer of 2.91 acres.

Lee District: Huntley Meadows Park was expanded with the conveyance of 7.37 acres. Accotink Stream Valley Park was also enlarged with 14.93 acres next to Greenspring Village Retirement Community and 7.29 acres bordering Fort Belvoir.

Mason District: Two parcels with a total of 17.2 acres will be incorporated into Bren Mar Park while another parcel with 4.44 acres will be integrated into Turkeycock Run Stream Valley Park.

Mount Vernon District: The acquisition of two parcels totaling 6.74 acres lying on either side of Pohick Road has closed a gap in the Pohick Stream Valley Park. Southgate Park also increased by 1.51 acres.

Providence District: Six parcels totaling 1.87 acres combined with previous donations from members of the community now gives the Park Authority 2.04 acres for a new local park along Railroad Street.

Springfield District: Several stream valley parks expanded their boundaries: 13.9 acres were added to Rocky Run, 12.53 acres to Johnny Moore, 0.15 acres to Piney Branch, and 4.9 acres to Accotink.

Sully District: A new park will be created with the transfer of 6.925 acres of the historic Mount Gilead property. During the Civil War, Mount Gilead was used as a headquarters by the Confederate Army, and remains of Confederate breastworks exist on the property. Stream valley parks increased as well: Cub Run received 5 acres, Rocky Run increased by 1.5 acres, and Frog Branch expanded by 1.11 acres.

This most recent transfer of parcels provides further evidence of the Supervisors' continued support for the land acquisition and stewardship programs of the Park Authority. Since 2000, the Board has conveyed to the Park Authority over 2,750 acres of public land suitable for either preservation or park development. For information about land acquisition at the Park Authority, please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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